

CHILD BAPTIZED IN JAMESTOWN TOWER

Infant Descendant of Yardleys Central Figure in Memorable Scene.

MEMORIAL TO REV. MR. HUNT

Miss Helen Gould Now Member of Association For Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Reports Are Read About Work Being Done on the Island.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, Dec. 16.—The central committee of the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities met in the rooms of the Historical Society, Mrs. J. Taylor Phyllis presiding, says the Richmond Dispatch.

There were present Mrs. Robert Lightfoot, Mrs. Stansell, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Henry Gibson, Mrs. Samuel Vance, Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Elverson, Mrs. Wm. Ruffin Cox, Mrs. Alston Cabell, Mrs. Caskie Cabell, Mrs. E. V. Valentine, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Randolph Connor, Mrs. William B. Anderson and Mrs. Charles B. Hill.

Encouraging reports from committees were presented. Miss Helen Gould has become a member of the association, through the Norfolk branch. A communication was read from the American Historical Association, asking that a delegate be appointed to represent the A. P. V. A. at their approaching meeting in Baltimore and Washington. Mrs. William Ruffin Cox was appointed delegate, and also Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, of the advisory board.

The report of the Jamestown Committee follows:

The acting chairman of your Jamestown Committee visited Jamestown on Tuesday, November 21, spending four days there with Miss Mary Garrett, one of the Williamsburg members of the committee.

Our work was essentially to probe for the extension of the foundation at the eastern and western end of the early church; thus satisfying ourselves upon this important matter before the building, to be erected by the Colonial Dames, should render such examination impossible. No extension of this foundation was found, but at the eastern end of the present building a grave was opened heretofore unknown, which will be marked, as are all others.

Our caretaker, Mr. Yeal, will during the winter weather, engrave the epitaphs of Commissary Blair and his wife upon new marble slabs, placing said slabs securely cemented upon the restored foundation of these old tombs. These inscriptions will be copied in full, and are taken from the records found in the library of William and Mary College.

The sea wall has reached its eastern limit, and the laborers while digging at right angles into the shore unearthed a brick wall projecting towards the river, about eighteen inches in width. This wall makes a sharp turn to the west at its nearest approach to the river. Just beyond it, a little to the east and nearer the river bank, was opened a grave containing the greater part of a skeleton. I had careful measurement taken of the distance from the head of both of these objects of interest, and heavy stobs driven in to mark the spots until the completion of the sea wall, when it is hoped to mark them with granite stones, suitably engraved.

A beautiful sacred ceremony took place in the tower on Friday, November 24, in the baptism of Susan Yardley Garrett by Rev. W. A. K. Goodwin, of Williamsburg. This infant is of the house of Yardley, and saw the light of day on the 13th of May, 1795, being thus associated with the history of Jamestown. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Van Garrett, of Williamsburg, wished to usher her into the living Church of God on this sacred spot. The scene was one long to be remembered. Enhanced by the beauty of nature, marked by its purity and simplicity and pulsating with the thronging and sacred memories that ever cluster around this holy landmark of a nation's birth.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN B. LIGHTFOOT,
Acting Chairman.

Erect Memorial.
Through Bishop Randolph, the Southern Diocese of the Episcopal Church requests permission to erect a memorial at Jamestown to Rev. Robert Hunt, and asks that a site be given for that purpose. Permission was granted and the selection of a site referred to a committee.

Put Them Off Till Tomorrow.
Some things are very much better put off until tomorrow. Among them are the repentance you mean to deliver, the defiance you mean to express, the resignation you mean to hand in to a heartless employer. But off doing these and you'll probably discover that you don't have to do them.

The Sin of It.
Maud—Is it true that Millie's engagement is broken off? Clara—Yes; she accused Jack of stealing a kiss. Maud—Why, that's nothing, surely. Clara—Ah, but he stole it from another girl.

Memory is the primary and fundamental power without which there could be no other intellectual operation.—Johnson.

ORDER OF THE GARTER.

Its Alleged Ballroom Origin Only Legendary Romance.

The origin of the Order of the Golden Fleece is, like that of the Garter, shrouded in mystery. Very few modern archaeologists attach any credence to the vulgar tradition, wholly unsupported by any authority, that at a court ball given by Edward III, a lady, supposed to be the Countess of Salisbury, dropped her garter, and the king, taking it up and observing some of his courtiers to smile as though they thought he had not obtained this favor merely by accident, exclaimed in a loud voice, "Honi soit qui mal y pense."

There is another opinion which traces the origin of this order, which, according to the learned Seldon, "exceeds in majesty, honor and fame all the chivalrous orders in the world," to Richard Coeur de Lion having upon the occasion of some warlike expedition during his wars in Palestine chosen a leather thonged garter as the distinctive mark of his partisans. Yet another theory ascribes the foundation of the order to the fact that Edward at the battle of Crecy issued his garter as a signal for battle, which, proving successful, determined him to institute the order in memory of the event.

Both these opinions are to a certain extent feasible, and the first is especially fortified by the well known fact that when the crusaders captured St. Jean d'Acre in a nocturnal assault the knights of the Christian army were ordered to wear strips of white leather bound round the leg under the left knee in order to distinguish them from the infidels.

THE WATER SPIRIT.

Origin of Odd Beliefs About Rescuing Drowning Persons.

In Great Britain the belief that you must not rescue a drowning person is most prevalent in Cornwall and various parts of Scotland. The French sailor and the boatman of the Danube bow to the decree, together with the Russians, and let the people drown.

Dr. Taylor in his "Primitive Culture" declares this lingering fondness for this old creed is because the water spirit is angry at being despoiled of its victim, and should the unlucky person who has dared to frustrate him trust himself to the water's power he will drown as sure as fate.

The Bohemian fishermen shrink from snatching a drowning man from the waters, fearing the water demon will take away his luck to fishing and drown him before he gets to shore with this would be victim. In Germany when some one is drowned they say, "The river spirit claims its yearly sacrifice," or, "The six has taken him." The belief is current not alone in those countries above mentioned, but the Katchikians rather than help a man out of the water would force him under, and if he should escape to the shore no one would dare receive him into his house or dare to give him food. He is supposed to be dead after once falling into the water.

A Mighty Desert Wind.

The simoom is a hot, noxious electrical wind which passes over the sandy deserts of Arabia and Africa. It moves with the quickness of lightning and passes in narrow currents for a few minutes at a time. It deals instant death to every man or beast happening to face it, and it is said that it so decomposes them that their limbs fall asunder. The approach of it is indicated by thick haze in the horizon, and travelers, if they have time, throw themselves on their faces, with their feet toward it, till it has passed. The simoom is another blighting wind, which prevails in Italy and adjoining districts about April. The West Indian hurricanes are of a totally different description, being simply vortexes of great force, and they have been known to blow heavy cannon out of a battery and carry a man over a ten foot wall.

Paris Restaurants.

A Chicago man just returned from a ramble in Europe declares that in Paris the traps for unwary travelers are innumerable as the sands of the seashore. One of the most familiar is the restaurant where the bill of fare is without prices, the check being made out according to what the customer seems able to pay. "I was bitten once or twice in this way," says the traveler, "but then I refused to order unless the menu mentioned the cost. Sometimes the proprietor protested feebly, but I told him that he didn't buy his victuals without knowing the price, and I should follow his example."

To Save One's Bacon.

"To save one's bacon"—that is, to make a narrow escape—is supposed to refer to the Dunmow ditch. For many centuries it was the custom at Dunmow, in England, to present a piece of bacon to a married couple of twenty years' standing who would make oath on the Scriptures that they had never had a quarrel. To come close to a quarrel without an actual rupture was, in the popular dialect, "to save one's bacon."

Every Bit as Good.

"Have you a belt that will go about my waist?" asked the young lady with a smile as she entered the dry goods store.

"No, but I have something just as good," replied the young man who formerly worked in a drug store.—Yonkers Statesman.

Evolution of a Joke.

"What becomes of a joke when it gets too old for the almanac?" "The theatrical programme gets it." "And from there it's but a step to the musical comedy, eh?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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In the dusk of the morning he strove for all those things. At high noon he had acquired wealth, and in the afternoon power and fame came to him. It was as he had said, save that he, with all the generations of men, found not happiness. There had been friendships and smiles and hand clasps and embraces, but none of these things secured for him the thing he sought.

In the evening he sat by an open grave and pondered. Wayfarers saw him there and wondered much. "He is one of the mighty of earth," they said. "He has lands and tenements and goods. He has friends and servants and fawning sycophants about him. Though we seek in vain, he must have found happiness."

They could not know that his pained heart sheltered blasted hopes, that tares grew in his gardens, that the acclaim of the mob jangled harshly to his ears. They did not see his yearning, the dead dreams within him, the ashes in his heart.

His search had ended at an open grave. He drew his mantle about him and descended into it, while the passing throng swirled by.

At last, and without his knowledge, he had found that happiness which he long had sought.—New York American.

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"Quite the opposite?"
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